

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy shown to Applicant's representative, Josh C. Snider, in the series of telephone interviews that concluded on May 10, 2005. Claims 1, 8, and 11-18 were discussed in relation to the cited Halliday, Mellgren, Cordell, and Bretschneider references, with particular focus on the Cordell reference. Although agreement as to the patentability of the claims in their present form was not reached, the Examiner suggested that more precise definitions of the control blocks of the present invention, and how the image information related to screens of the present invention is different from the displayed images taught in the art, might better distinguish the present invention over the art. Accordingly, the independent claims of the present invention have been amended herein to better clarify these features of the present invention along the lines discussed in the interviews.

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, and 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halliday et al. (U.S. 5,880,740), in view of Mellgren et al. (U.S. 6,085,126), and further in view of Cordell et al. (U.S. 5,778,372). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because none of the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the system of the present invention that processes image information related to screens on which information is input, as in independent claims 1, 8, and 18, as amended.

As previously discussed, the Examiner acknowledges that neither Halliday nor Mellgren teaches or suggests the image information (or control blocks) of the present invention. The Examiner relies only upon Cordell as support for such features. Independent claims 1, 8, and 18 though, have been amended herein to better clarify these features of the present invention as distinct from Cordell.

Specifically, claims 1, 8, and 18 have been amended to more clearly recite that the image information of the present invention is related to screens on which information is input. Support for these amendments can be found on page 17, lines 3-28 and Fig. 8 of the present Specification, for example. By this clarification, the present invention is more clearly distinct from Cordell because Cordell addresses only fixed images that are displayed, whereas the present invention more clearly features that the image information is not merely a fixed display image, but instead related to screens on which information is input. In other words, as described in the Specification, the “screens” of the present invention include the display of one image and the superimposed data of another image on same screen. The present invention is therefore distinct from Cordell, which teaches only one displayed image to be processed at a time.

Additionally, independent claims 1, 8, and 18 have been further amended to better define that the control blocks that are generated by the display control of the present invention are also separate from the browser of the present invention. Applicant submits that these additional clarifying amendments further distinguish the present invention over the

Cordell reference. The Examiner had previously asserted that Cordell's HTML control instruction (-HREF statements) were analogous to the control blocks of the present invention.

Such HTML instructions, however, are part of Cordell's browser, and therefore different from the present invention, which now more clearly defines the control blocks as being separate from the browser. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant submits that the outstanding rejection of independent claims 1 (and its dependent claims 2-3 and 6), 8 (and its dependent claims 9-10), and 18 (and its dependent claim 19) has been overcome, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 4-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halliday, Mellgren, and Cordell, and further in view of Bretschneider et al. (U.S. 6,128,629).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the reasons discussed above. Claims 4-5 depend from independent claim 1, and therefore include all of the features of the base claim, plus additional features. Bretschneider is cited only for teaching that images are created and deleted from the display according to a predetermined time, but not for the image information and control block features of the present invention.

Claims 11-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as also being unpatentable over Halliday, Mellgren, Cordell, and Bretschneider. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons discussed above, and as follows. Independent claims 11-17 have all been amended herein similarly to independent claims 1, 8, and 18, to clarify that the image information of the present invention is related to screens on which information is

input. Applicant submits that these amendments distinguish all of claims 11-17 over the Examiner's proposed combination of the four prior art references.

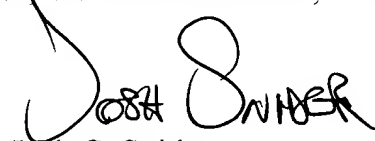
With respect to claims 12-17 in particular, Applicant further traverses the rejection in light of the additional amendments to these claims that recite how the deletion timing information of the present invention indicates a timing with which a developed screen in the memory is to be deleted from the memory. As noted by the Examiner, Bretschneider teaches that images are created and deleted, according to a predetermined time, *from the display*. Bretschneider does not, however, teach that such images are deleted from the memory itself. Moreover, independent claims 12-17 additionally feature that it is not merely specific images that are deleted from the memory of the present invention, but instead that it is developed screens in the memory that are deleted. As discussed above, all of the independent claims now more clearly recite that such screens are those upon which information is input, and therefore different from simple displayed images. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant submits that the rejection of independent claims 11-17 has also been overcome.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that this Application, including claims 1-6 and 8-19, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to again contact the undersigned attorney if another interview would expedite prosecution further.

Respectfully submitted,

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